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NAVY INTERACTIVE ON-NET (ION) COMPUTER NETWORK EXPLOITATION (CNE) OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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1. **Background**. Navy Interactive ON-NET (ION) Computer Network Exploitation (CNE) operators develop, refine, and utilize world-class tactics, techniques, and procedures to conduct computer network operations in support of national and tactical security objectives. Bridging the tactical-technical span, ION operators use advanced software applications to change or collect information residing on or transiting computer networks.

The purpose of the Navy ION CNE Operator Certification Program is to select and develop Navy cryptologic technicians networks (CTNs) who will achieve basic certification with an end goal of journeyman at the end of their first 3-year tour as an operator. Any reference to apprentice or journeyman is associated with training milestones for single technology certifications and does not reflect current rating pay band grouping.

2. **Requirements and Qualifications**

a. All applicants must have a service record that clearly demonstrates sustained superior performance, and he or she must meet the following criteria:

(1) Be a rated CTN;

(2) Be in pay grade E-4 to E-7;

(3) Be within 12 months from projected rotation date (PRD);

(4) Have no PFA failures within 3 years of application date;

(5) Be Career Waypoint reenlistment approved (if required);

(6) Have no more than 16 years of military service;

(7) Have no nonjudicial punishment within 2 years of application date;

(8) Have a final Top Secret clearance with access to sensitive compartmented information and complete a counter intelligence polygraph prior to execution of permanent change of station orders; and

(9) Incur a 3-year obligated service (OBLISERV) that will consist of a follow-on tour utilizing the Navy enlisted classification earned. OBLISERV or OBLISERV to train (if SRB eligible) must be completed prior to execution of orders.

b. Waivers to specific eligibility requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis and approved or disapproved by Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Cryptologic/Intelligence Specialist (CT/IS) Assignment Section (PERS-408CJ).

3. **Application Procedures**. Commands are encouraged to nominate the best qualified personnel. All candidates shall complete and submit the following:

a. NAVPERS 1306/7 Enlisted Personnel Action Request to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-408CJ) a minimum of 10 months prior to PRD;

b. ION Assessment;

c. Last five reports:

(1) NAVPERS 1616/26 Evaluation Report & Counseling Record (E-1 to E-6); or

(2) NAVPERS 1616/27 Evaluation & Counseling Record (E-7 – E9);

d. Physical Readiness Information Management System data for previous 3 years; and

e. NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks. A temporary NAVPERS 1070/613 is required to be signed by the member and submitted with the application. A copy will be forwarded to the

servicing personnel office for entry in the electronic service record (ESR). The following is a sample entry:

> (Date): I agree to serve on active duty for a period of 36 months from class graduation date or until completion of previously obligated service, whichever is greater, unless released earlier by Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM). I also agree to serve the period of minimum obligated service specified, regardless of whether I retain qualification as an ION Operator NEC 9308 during that period.

4.   **Screening Process**

    a.   Upon approval of NAVPERS 1306/7, member will forward complete package to the ION Program Manager at Fleet Cyber Command/10th Fleet for final technical screening and approval, or disapproval of selection to subject program. Soft copy application packages will be forwarded via unclassified e-mail.

    b.   The ION Program Manager will notify NAVPERSCOM, (PERS-408CJ), applicant of selection determination, and class convening and availability through written documentation.

5.   **Training Pipeline Expectations**

    a.   Program candidates are expected to achieve the following training milestones for single technology certification on operating systems and network infrastructure during the 3-year program:

Apprentice	CAT-D Cert	Training + 3 Months
Apprentice	CAT-C Cert	Report + 12 Months
Journeyman	CAT-C Cert	Report + 24 Months

    b.   Sailors who fail to maintain program requirements and qualification eligibility, or fail to meet stated training expectations, will be released back to the rating detailer for further assignment.